

GREAT AMERICAN BEACH TOWNS THAT ARE DIRT CHEAP IN SEPTEMBER

Nothing against the classic American summer vacay or anything, but September is a wildly underrated month to take a beach trip. If you're a kid, or the parent of a kid, your fun-in-the-sun window effectively ends on Labor Day, and for that we sympathize. But in the vast majority of the country, the weather has not yet caught up with the calendar, so if you've got the means to make one last-ditch getaway why not soak up the last of those precious rays. As coastal towns transition into the off-season, you'll be paying winter prices for summer temperatures.

For some inspiration on the best beaches to hit, we asked our friends at [TripAdvisor Rentals](#) to run some numbers and find us the areas with the most dramatic price drops if you were to book for September rather than August, comparing average weekly rates for a two-bedroom rental. Not only that, we looked for spots with attractions and amenities that are best enjoyed with far fewer people around. Everyone's in school -- even [Billy's in school, man](#). So spread out, take all the sand you need.



CHELAN, WASHINGTON | SOISUDAS/SHUTTERSTOCK

Chelan, Washington

September weekly average: \$1,544

Off-season savings: 27%

Coastal beaches in Washington State aren't exactly the stuff of summer fantasies. But head a little inland and trade the Pacific Ocean for Lake Chelan, and you have one of the most underrated "beach towns" in America. This small city nestled in the Washington wine country has temperatures in the mid-70s and 80s well into the month. The lake is prime for boating and jet skiing, with deep blue waters striking a beautiful contrast with the surrounding mountains, all best taken in by paragliding or zip-lining over the entire valley.